

Lewisburg and exchanged for kettles and household goods. Almost every family made enough sugar for their own use. After Mr. Flemmens death, Mrs. Flemmens and her daughter, Elizabeth, lived at Buckeye and earned a living by spinning and weaving.

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The pioneers of Pocahontas County went through with many hardships not only in clearing the land, into fertile fields, blazing trails, fighting the Indians and establishing and maintaining homes it fell on the shoulders of the housewife to furnish the necessary clothing and bedding for the entire family which was generally made of wool which was shorn often times by the wife washed, carded and spun by her into various kinds of clothing which was used by her family the socks and other clothing were made of wool spun on the old Spinning Wheel which was generally used in the winter months. From this wool socks, sweaters, blankets and other clothing and bedding was made almost entirely by hand and it was about this time that the Loom came into use by the pioneers of Pocahontas County way back in the first part of the eighteenth century.

During the eighteenth century and in the first part of the nineteenth Pocahontas County had many looms and many weavers as most of the women folks were taught to spin and weave at an early age.

Among some of the weavers brought to the attention of the writer was Fancy Patton of Millpoint who wove on a Loom in the middle of the eighteenth century she being a fancy weaver making mostly tablecloths and Counterpane some of which are held by the Wallaces at Millpoint. Her daughter Elizabeth Ruckman the wife of Wallace Ruckman was also a weaver and a spinner

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When finished it was put into a suit of clothes for her husband. She also wove for other people namely bedspreads and counterpanes and carpet her loom was bought from the late Mrs. Isaac McNeel of Millpoint in 1897 and she wove on it until 1918 just before her death.

Elizabeth
William H Gabbert was born in Greenbrier County 1840 the son of Stewart ~~XXX~~ Gabbert he being a frale young man his mother taught him to weave on the loom, when he was about 30 years' of age they moved to Millpoint and located over the millrace in what was known as the loom house here he wove Coverlets, counterpanes, table linen, girthen carpet, jeans and lincy some of which his daughter Mary Turner is the proud owner some of the wool used by him was carded on the old Wellington T Hogsett carding machine at the lower mill at Millpoint, he later moved to Huntersville where he practiced his profession selling his ware to friends and neighbors locally, in his declining years he moved in with his daughter Mary Turner at Marvin Chapel above Millpoint where he continued to weave and did so up until his death in 1920. His work is in the hands of many people of Pocahontas County as he often went from house to house where-ever they had a loom his last loom was bought from Lura Waugh of near Jerry and now in the hands of Mrs. Turner.

Another weaver of mention was Lydia Beverage wife of Washington Beverage of near Puckeye on Dry Creek, her first loom was used before her by